

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified case is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 29 and 30 are withdrawn from the Application as non-elected embodiments.

Claims 1-28, 31 and 32 are pending in the Application.

I. Election/Restrictions

The Office Action has restricted the current application to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-28, 31, and 32, drawn to a food bar, classified in class 424, subclass 725; and
- II. Claims 29 and 30 drawn to a method for improving joint mobility, classified in class 424, subclass 725.

Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-28, 31, and 32 (Group I). Applicants hereby withdraw Claims 29 and 30 (Group II) from consideration in this application pursuant to the examiner's restriction request. Applicants reserve the right to re-file withdrawn claims in another application. Applicant reserves the right to rejoin the withdrawn process claims that include all of the limitations of the product claims.

The withdrawal of the non-elected claims does not affect inventorship.

Since Application has elected Claims 1-28, 31, and 32, the Office Action states that the Applicant is required under 35 USC 121 to elect species from the groups described in the Office Action.

Applicant hereby elects the following species:

Group A: Applicant elects 2-amino-2-deoxyglucose sulfate.

Group B: Applicant elects whey and soy.

Group C: Applicant believes that a species cannot be elected from Group C since the group is directed to flavorings in order to enhance taste. If the Examiner requires a single species selected from the flavoring group, Applicant elects chocolate flavoring.

Group D: Applicant's embodiments relate to a food bar usable for treating arthritic conditions that utilizes a multi-vitamin approach. Applicant believes that a single species cannot be elected from Group D since the group is directed to vitamins. If the Examiner requires a species selected from the vitamin group, Applicant elects a Vitamin B, Vitamin C, and Vitamin E.

Group E: Applicant elects nutritional grains, such as grain or wheat.

Group F: Applicant elects saturated fat.

Group G: Applicant elects sugar and artificial sweetener.

Group H: Applicant elects a fruit ingredient.

Group I: For the reasons expressed in Group D, Applicant believes that a single species cannot be elected from Group F since the group is directed to minerals. If the Examiner requires a species selected from the minerals group, Applicant elects a selenium and boron.

Group J: Applicant elects a bromelain and pepsin.

Applicant reserves the right to have additional species considered if should no prior art be found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species.

